

REMARKS

In the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief of August 10, 2007, it is asserted that Applicants' Appeal Brief filed on July 12, 2007, is defective. In this regard, it is alleged that the Appeal Brief fails to state which claims are appealed, and it is alleged that the Summary section of the Appeal Brief does not give a concise explanation of the subject matter of claims 15, 16, and 21. Applicants submit herewith a new Appeal Brief, which includes a Status of the Claims section indicating that claims 1-8, 10-13, and 21-27 are appealed. Further, claims 15 and 16 are allowed and are not involved in the appeal. Thus, it is unnecessary for the Summary section of the Appeal Brief to describe the subject matter of claims 15 and 16. In addition, the Summary section of the new Appeal Brief describes claim 21.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office accept and consider the Appeal Brief submitted herewith. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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